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- 1. The General Command of the Ministry of Interior Forces (Comandamentul General MAI Ministerul Afacerilor Interne) controls the following branches (commandamente):
  - a. Security (Comandamentul Securitate)
  - b. Border Guard (Comandamentul Graniceri)
  - c. Fire Fighting Forces (Comandamentul Pompieri)
  - d. Militia (Comandamentul Militia)
  - e. Schools and Education (Comandamentul Scoli si Educatie)
- Each Branch is divided into two or four brigades and each brigade is further sub-divided into two to four regiments. (See sketch #1.)
- 3. The Border Guard (Comandamentul Graniceri) is under the command of General Pantelimon Comisel. This Command is organized into three brigades formed of eight regiments as follows: (See sketch #1.)
  - a. The First Brigade with headquarters in Bucharest:
    - (1) The 1 Border Guard Regiment (Regimentul 1 Graniceri) with headquarters in Bucharest.
    - (2) The 2 Border Guard Regiment (Regimentul 2 Graniceri) with head-quarters in Braila.
    - (3) The 4 Border Guard Regiment (Regimentul 4 Graniceri) with head-

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quarters in Turnu Severin.

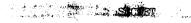
- b. The 2 Brigade with headquarters in Oradea Mare:
  - The 5 Border Guard Regiment (Regimentul 5 Graniceri) with headquarters in Arad.
  - (2) The 9 Border Guard Regiment (Regimentul 9 Graniceri) with head-quarters in Satu Mare.
  - (3) The 10 Border Guard Regiment (Regimentul 10 Graniceri) with head-quarters in Oradea Mare.
- c. The 3 Border Guard Brigade with headquarters in Iasi:
  - (1) The 7 Border Guard Regiment (Regimentul 7 Graniceri) with headquarters in Bacau. This regiment is horse-mounted and called the Mounted Border Guard (Graniceri Calari).
  - (2) The 8 Border Guard Regiment (Regimentul 8 Graniceri) with head-quarters in Iasi.

NOTE: Regiments 3 and 6 do not exist.

- 4. The 5 Border Guard Regiment, which together with the 9 and 10 Border Guard Regiments forms the 2 Brigade under the command of a General Ivan, is stationed in Arad. The Regiment is commanded by a Lieutenant Colonel Ion Klein assisted by a political officer Gheorghe Hartau, and is organized as follows:
  - A. A Training Center (Centru de Instructie) is located in the regiment barracks in the Gai Suburb at the western end of Arad, on the right hand side of the Arad-Pecica Road at approximately 1,500 meters from the 7 November Alcohol Distillery. (See sketch #2.) The Training Center is organized into two battalions as follows:
    - (1) The 1 Battalion is composed of five companies:
      - a. The 1 Company is a reconnaissance company (Compania 1 de Cercetare).
      - b. The 2 and 3 Companies are rifle companies (Companile 2 si 3 Puscasi).
      - c. The 4 Company is a machine gun and mortar company (Compania 4 de Mitraliere si Branduri).
      - d. The 5 Company is a heavy mortar and field gun company (Compania 5 Branduri Grele si Tunuri).
    - (2) The 2 Battalion is composed of four companies:
      - a. Companies 6, 7 and 9 are rifle companies (Companile 6, 7 si 9 Puscari).
      - The 8 Company is a telecommunications company (Compania 8 Telecommunicatii).
  - B. A "Section," composed of three battalions, for guarding the border (Sectia de paza a frontierei). One battalion has its headquarters in Arad, another in San Nicolau village and the headquarters of the third battalion is not identified.
  - C. A Training Battalion (Batalion de Instructie) had also its headquarters in San Nicolau.

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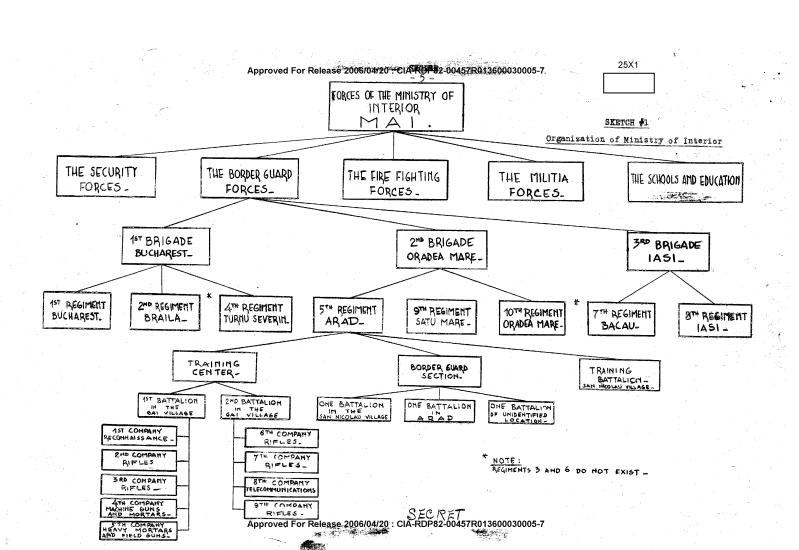
- 5. The headquarters of the 5 Border Guard Regiment and the 2 Battalion of the Training Center are billeted in barracks (approximately 500 by 500 meters) located in the Gai suburb. The area is surrounded by shrubbery on the highway side and by barbed wire on the other three sides. In the regiment's yard there are two large three-story buildings which serve as dormitories. Two smaller two-story buildings serve as a dispensary and quarters for the guard and as offices for administration. Four one-story buildings serve as food warehouses, ammunition and armament depots, baths, canteens, kitchen and auto garage. Six larger and one smaller underground storerooms serve as gasoline depots. (See sketches #3, 4, and 5.)
- 6. Two buildings are under construction and scheduled for completion in the summer of 1952. These buildings are to serve as a veterinary dispensary for the regiment's horses and as a hall for festivities, respectively. In the summer of 1950, all the buildings were repaired and had new water and electricity installations. A large underground water tank was installed in the yard. Water was pumped from the tank by pressure which permitted it to reach the third floor of the dormitories. The electric power is supplied by the city power station via an underground cable. A small transformer is located by the main entrance door. A central telephone exchange is located in the building which serves as offices for the administration. All buildings have telephones and the Regiment is connected with the city of Arad by a double overhead telephone wire.
- 7. There follows a description of the armament with which the 5 Border Guard Regiment in Arad was equipped:
  - a. <u>Rifles:</u> Fifty per cent of all rifles with which Companies 2, 3, 6, 7 and 9 are equipped, are of the ZB (Zbrojowska Brno) and Manlicher type. The remaining rifles are the new Soviet type with folding bayonet. All rifles are kept on racks in the corridors of the dormitories.
  - b. <u>Pistols</u>: All personnel of the 5 Machine Gun and Mortar Company are issued Parabellum pistols (9 mm. caliber with short barrel). All squad leaders, as well as all personnel of the 1 Reconnaissance Company, are equipped with PPS automatic pistols. Lately, however, there is a tendency to replace all pistols with a Rumanian manufactured pistol called the Orita.
  - c. <u>Light Machine Guns</u>: Each squad is equipped with one ZB (Zbrojowska Brno) light machine gun of 7.92 mm. caliber.
  - d. Machine Guns: The 4 Machine Gun and Mortar Company is equipped with the ZB model 930 machine gun of (7.92 mm. caliber). These, however, are to be replaced by a new German-made machine gun with a removable barrel.
  - e. Mortars: The 4 Machine Gun and Mortar Company has four mortars of 81.4 mm. caliber, of Czechoslovak manufacture.
  - f. Heavy Mortars: The 5 Heavy Mortar and Field Gun Company is equipped with three Skoda mortars of 120 mm. caliber.
  - g. <u>Field Guns</u>: The 5 Heavy Mortar and Field Gun Company has two Skoda field guns of 75 mm. caliber and two Oerlikon (German-made) field guns of 33 mm. caliber.
- 8. Each Battalion had its own ammunition and armament depots.
- The 5 Border Guard Regiment in Arad also operated three army trucks, two of which were of Czechoslovak and one of American manufacture.
- 10. The 1 Border Guard Regiment, stationed in Bucharest, which together with the 2 and the 4 Border Guard Regiments formed the 1 Border Guard Brigade, is commanded by one Colonel Saineanu.





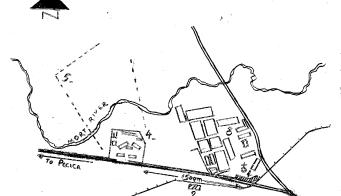
- 11. The 2 Border Guard Regiment which is also part of the 1 Brigade, is stationed in Braila and (in December 1950) had 1,500 men. (See sketch #6.)
- 12. There follows a description of the organization of the border control at the border area of the village of Peregul Mic (as of August 1949): (See sketch #7.)
  - a. Six border guards plateons (pichete de graniceri) are installed at distances not farther than one kilometer apart in the important zones and do not exceed four kilometers in normal zones. These plateons have 30 to 40 men and are under the command of a sergeant or corporal.
  - b. On the stretches between two platoons, fixed observation posts of two observers for each post (pande) are installed every 200 meters or 500 meters (according to the importance and the sensitivity of the zone). The two observers (panda) are equipped with PPS automatic pistols. An observer team is also issued with six grenades, one very pistol and 50 rounds of ammunition for each observer. These observation teams are on duty for three hours.
  - c. The stretches between the platoon quarters are patrolled by roving patrols of two soldiers each, who have either two PPS pistols or one PPS pistol and one ZB rifle. The patrol has 50 rounds of ammunition for each man and six grenades for each patrol; night patrols leave the platoon quarters every two hours during the night and every three hours during the day. The patrols walked to the right or to the left of the path uniting all observation posts following an agreement made with the patrol they would meet from the next platoon quarters. Every morning the commanding officer of the platoon examined the zone for foot prints of illegal border crossers. This zone was 10 meters wide and immediately behind the Rumanian border and parallel to it. Every two or three days the zone was raked to show up for prints.
  - d. If guns are fired on the border or in case of border clashes, the commander of the platoon is not permitted to leave his headquarters but has to give the alarm by striking a hollow shell. He mobilizes as many soldiers as he thinks would be able to cope with the emergency. If the incident gets out of control, he telephones all other platoons in the zone and requests their help. White flares are used in simple cases when it is necessary to light the area for identification of suspect movements or noises. Blue and red flares are used in accordance with a code which differs for each platoon and changes daily.
  - e. All platoon posts have direct telephone communication and with the immediate superior unit. The presence in the area, zone, or border zone villages of a stranger is immediately reported to the border guards.
  - f. All enlisted men are responsible for the ammunition issued them. They are obliged to submit evidence of all ammunition they expend by returning the empty shells. When the shells are lost, a special "proces verbal" has to be executed stating the reasons for the loss. Unnecessary use of ammunition is punished by 6 months to 12 months in prison.
  - g. The Rumanian peasants who own fields on the Hungarian side of the border, can go to their fields only through special crossing points. Special papers are required. The carts of these peasants are thoroughly searched when leaving or entering the country.
  - h. The above description of the border controls and guard, applies to practically all the borders of Rumania with the exception of the Rumanian-Yugoslav border where the security measures are more strict.

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# Sketch #2



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- Location of the 5 Border Guard Regiment in Arad
  - The "7 Noembrie" alcohol distrillery in the Gai suburbs of Arad.
    The "Bujacul Satu Mare" railroad station.

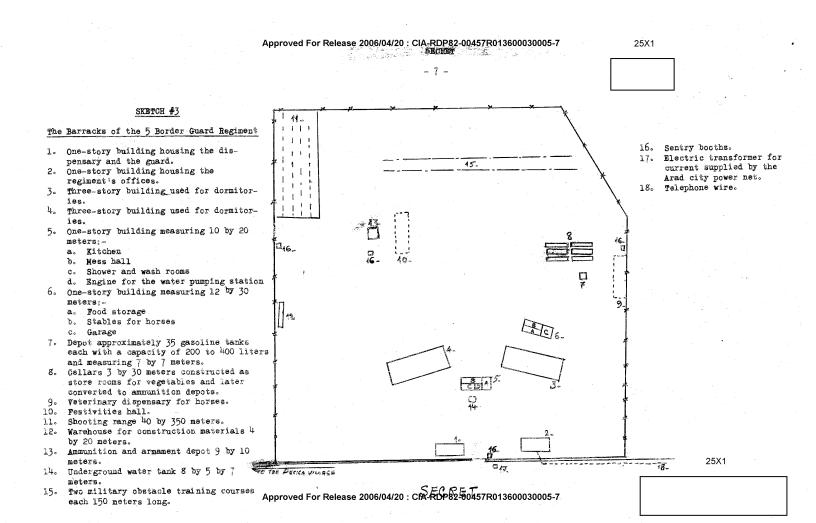
  - The "Ferma Ciala" railroad station (halta CFR).

    Barracks of the 5 Border Guard Regiment in the Gai suburbs of Arad.

    The drill field of the 5 Border Guard Regiment.
  - Regiment.

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### SKETCH #4

Plan of building No. 1 (see sketch #2)housing the dispensary and the guard in the barracks of the 5 Border Guard Regiment.

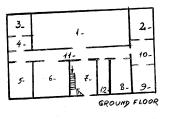
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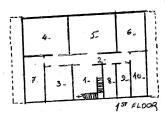
- 1.
- The quarters of the guard.

  Dormitory of the company on guard. 2.
- 3. 4. Prison
- 5. 6.
- Medical supply room.
  Doctor's office.
  Room for massages and other treatments.
- Hall with staircase. Hospital ward for 6 beds. 7. 8.
- Hospital ward for 6 beds.
- Waiting room for patients. 10.
- 11. Corridor.
- Toilet. 12.

#### On the second floor:

- 1. Hall and staircase.
- 2. Corridor.
- Dining hall for patients. Hospital ward for officers.
- Hospital ward for officers. Hospital ward for enlisted men.
- Laundry room.
- Toilet.
- 9. Wash and shower rooms.
- 10. Rooms (unknown use).





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Plan of Building No. 2 (see sketch #2) housing the offices of the 5 Border Guard Regiment.

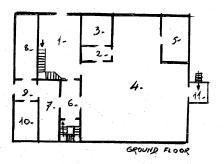
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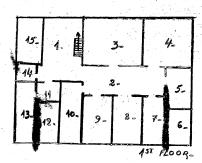
- 1. Entry hall.
- Entry hall.
- 3. 4. Barber shop.
- Officers; mess. Library.
- 5° 6° Staircase.
- Kitchen.
- 7. 8. Hall.
- 9. Supply room.
- 10. Balcony.

# b. On the Second Floor:

- 1. Staircase.
- 2.
- Corridor.
  Office of the secretariat.
  Office of the Colonel.
- Office of the Political Commanding Officer.
- Office of the Assitant Political Commanding Officer.
- Registry.

- negratry.
  Unidentified room.
  Mobilization, drill and instruction and the guard of the regiment offices.
  Hall-10.
- 11.
- Office of the Colonel (Administration) Cashier's office. 12.
- Office for informers and interrogation.
  Office for informers and interrogation. 14.
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# SKETCH #6

# Sketch of the barracks of the 2 Border Guard Regiment in Braila

